THE PART WE PLAY FOUND DEAD IN A RAVINE AT THE WHITE HOUSE THE PROPOSED DECREE DEATH CLAIMED HIM A HORSE IN A BASEMENT FINANCE AND TRADE

Authorities Sounded on the Eastern Question.

ENGLAND WANTS RUSSIA CHECKED

China Would Welcome a Movement by This Country.

AGGRESSION NOT LIKELY

There is no doubt that the authorities here have been unofficially sounded as to the attitude of the United States toward the complications in the far east, with a view to learning whether American interests in China are not sufficient to warrant active steps by this government.

The source of the inquiries is not disclosed. If from Great Britain they must have come through Col. Hay, the American ambassador at London, as the British officials here have received no instructions as to the Chinese situation. It is well understood, however, that Great Britain would look with favor on any active step by the United States which would serve to check the advances of Germany and Russia. The British interests in China are probably ten times greater than those of Germany, Russia and the United States, and yet, with Germany and Russia firmly located on Chinese soil, Great Britain is left in a sort of

It is known also that the Chinese thorities would welcome a movement by the United States. This fact has been made known to officials here, and there is reason to believe it has been represented to them that a disinterested step by this country would place the relations between the United States and China on the staunchest

Our Interests. Although these soundings have not yet

taken official form, they have been sufficient to draw close attention to the American interests which are involved, and to cause a pretty general understanding as to the attitude of the government. This, in brief, is that the United States has no interest in territorial extension now going on in China; that she will not land forces at any of the coast ports of China, as Ger-many and Russia have done, and that her only concern is to guard established Ameri-can interests in China.

These interests, however, are much great-

er than is generally known. There are twenty-two American treaty ports in China, viz: Canton, Cheefoo, Chingkiang, Chingking, Foochow, Haiplong, Hankow, Hothow, Ichang, Kewkiang, Lungchow, Mengtsu, Newchang, Ningpo, Pakhoi, Shanghai, Ashashi, Soochow, Swatow, Tien Tsin. Wenchown, Wuhu and three other ports on the west river of Canton, recently added. At each of these places there are American settlements and an American reservation, within which Americans may cwn property and have their civil and criminal cases tried before their own courts, conducted by American consuls.

American Settlements. Some of these American settlements are

quite extensive, that at Shanghai, just outside the walls of the city, occupying a wide sweep of land. At the points named the commercial in-

terests of the United States are large, and are constantly growing. They are the cen-ters, also, for the American missionary For instance, at Canton, there is the American Presbyterian board, with twenty-two members; the American Paptist mission, with fifteen representa-tives; the American board of commissioners for foreign missions, with a large staff, and the American Bible Society. There are similar communities scattered all through the empire. They have considerable vested property interests, and the protection of their property and persons has always been closely looked after by the United States. It is in the protection of these vast in-terests that the United States will concern itself in the present controversy, and while that this government ought to adopt a more aggressive policy and join with other nations in the grab for Chinese soil, there is not the slightest indication of a radical step in that direction.

ADVICES FROM ADMIRAL MCNAIR.

Japan Has Sent a Cruiser to Kino Chou Bay. Rear Admiral McNair, commanding the

United States naval forces on the Asiatic station, has officially notified the Navy Department of the occupation of Kiao Chou, China, by the German forces. The report is dated November 29, and was written before the Russians occupied Port Arthur. Admiral McNair says that November 19 he received the following official account of the action of the German forces in the

Kiao Chou affair:
"A German squadron, consisting of three men-of-war, arrived at the Kiao Chou bay on the 13th instant. The commander of the squadron landed on the following day with 600 bluejackets and ordered General Chang, the commander of the Chinese gar-rison, to retire beyond the hills within twenty-four hours, commencing from 3 o'clock on that day (14th); further inform ing General Chang that the Chinese soldiers would not be permitted to take away anything save their rifles and personal

effects.
"The German commander furthermore declared that in the event of the Chinese gar-rison ignoring this order it would be regarded as hestile and be immediately fired upon. Thereupon General Chang with his force evacuated the fort and retired to the lower part of Seito."

Perhaps the most significant statement made in Admiral McNair's dispatch is that Japan has sent a cruiser to Kiao Chou pay for the purpose of watching the operations of the German forces.

AUTONOMY IS A FAILURE.

So Declared by Gen. Weyler in a Re-

MADRID, December 22.-Gen. Weyler, in an interview just published, is quoted as declaring formally that there is no hope of the success of autonomy, adding that no insurgent will submit except to the Marquis of Santa Lucia and another chief. asserting that the insurrection would continue furiously.

cent Interview.

The general is also quoted as saying that if the Spanish government persisted in autenomy Spain would lose Cuba in a few

In conclusion, General Weyler said he opposed the dissolution of the chamber until the government renounced its policy until the government renounced to of giving Cuba an autonomous form of

CHRISTMAS DAY CLOSING. The Movement in Favor of Closed

Store Doors Being Agitated. The movement in favor of having the mercantile establishments in Washington keep closed doors all day on Christmas day is being agitated with considerable vigor. and while it is not probable that all the merchants will follow the course indicated, it is expected that more of them will give their clerks a full holiday on Christmas day this year than ever before.

Mr. F. Crocker of 339 Pennsylvania avenue writes to The Star that he feels that his clerks have justly earned the day, owing to the manner in which they have met the demands of the heavy Christmas trade, and, regardless of what others in the same line of business may do, his establish-ment will not be open next Saturday.

It is probable that other merchants who like Mr. Crocker, are leaders in their par-ticular lines of business, will also follow a similar course and close their doors Saturday, regardless of what their smaller com-petitors may do, it being generally admitted that very little, if any, trade will be done

William N. Boggs, charged with embez-gling \$106,000 of the funds of the First gling \$106,000 of the funds of the First National Bank of Dover, Del., is on his way home to give himself up to the au-

Prominent Colored Resident Meets Death Under Suspicious Circumstances.

well-known colored man, who lives at

Deanwood, not far from the Benning race

track, was found in Watt's branch, almost

directly beneath the car tracks of the Bal-

timore and Potomac railroad. The body

vas partly in the mud and partly in the

water. There was an ugly cut on the back

of the man's head, but beyond this no

other injuries were found. Coroner Carr,

who viewed the body at the morgue this

afternoon, was unable to determine the

cause of death, and an inquest will be held

tomorrow afternoon to have the question settled by a jury. The finding of the body in the branch so near the railroad caused the belief that the man had been knocked

off the track by a train, but there were no marks found to indicate that such was

no marks round to indicate that such that the case. When this was learned the police concluded that the man had either accidentally fallen from the trestle or had been dealt a blow on the back of his head and

knocked off. If he had been knocked off

by some other person then the motive, it is believed, was robbery. This question,

An engineer on a passing engine was the

first one to discover the body, and he sent word to Policeman John Boland, at Ben-

ning. The officer visited the scene and had

the body removed from the water. When the body was recognized as that of Lazen-

berry there was a partial search of nis clothing made, so it is stated, and only 15 cents could be found. This money, it is

said, was turned over to the dead man's

son. Later the body was removed to the morgue. A casual inspection of the body

mentioned. This cut appeared to have been made with a heavy instrument, prob-

ably a stone, and may have been sustained

to the branch is about twenty feet, and the coroner says a fall this distance might have inflicted such a wound as he found

Skull Not Fractured.

There was no apparent fracture of the

skull, and the doctor thought death prob-

ably resulted from concussion of the brain.

About the neighborhood of Deanwood the

dead man was well known, and he had

many friends. He was a member of the

Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, and

was one of the most prominent members of Columbia Lodge, No. 1376, which meets

at No. 1403 28th street, Georgetown. He was treasurer of the lodge and was also treasurer of the West Washington Hall As-

sociation. It is stated that he was also treasurer of a Deanwood organization. The unfortunate man attended his regular

semi-monthly lodge meeting last night and collected quite a sum of money, which he turned over to another member of the

lodge, Mr. Morris Honesty, the secretary. Lazenberry did not remain until the conclusion of the meeting, as he wanted to take the 10:45 train for home. After getting off

the train he had nearly a mile to walk, and was not a great way from his home when he was killed. Lazenberry was about forty-

five or fifty years old and leaves a wife and two children. For about ten years he worked as a laborer at the naval observa-

tory, and had been treasurer of the lodge for fully ten years. Tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock Coroner Carr will hold an inquest

The Brethren Interested.

Secretary Morris Honesty of Columbia

Lodge, of which deceased was a member,

and Mr. W. C. Martin of the Grand Lodge

this afternoon called at police headquarters

to learn something of the sad affair of last

night. Mr. Honesty said he had been per-

sonally acquainted with Mr. Lazenberry for

many years, and knew him to be a highly respected citizen. Last night at the lodge meeting, he said, Treasurer Lazenberry turned over to him some of the funds of

the lodge.

The receased, he added, was connected

with several organizations, and being treas-

urer of three of them he frequently had as much as \$50 on him. When he learned of

the circumstances under which the body

man had accidentally fallen from the tres-

tle. It was his belief that he was either knocked off by a train, or was assaulted.

The police say there were no evidences of

rebbery, for the man's pockets did not ap-

pear to have been disturbed. A number of persons called at the morgue this after-

friends of the dead man. The police in the county are looking for witnesses this after-

Deputy Coroner Glazebrook will make an

sutopsy, and this will show the exact cause

PREFERS HER LIBERTY.

Inmate of Asylum, Out on eLave, Re-

fuses to Return.

Helen Corinne Bergen, the young woman

who claims to be the wife of Count Lang-

lois de Brunner, who is an inmate of St.

Elizabeth's Asylum, paid a visit, under

escort, to several of the big stores yester-

day. Later in the afternoon she visited

pelice headquarters, and was there nearly

an hour before Inspector Mattingly suc-

ceeded in persuading her to return to the

asylum. She has been in the institution

some time, but recently showed signs of

trouble, and yesterday she was given ad-

on Pennsylvania avenue that she sh on Pennsylvania avenue that she showed a desire to leave her attendant, and then it

ditional privileges.

It was not until she reached a large store

was that she was driven to headquarters

over there has made me so nervous that I'm afraid I'll lose my mind."

She wanted to see her counsel, and several times she said she would not return to

he asylum.
"I'm out and I'm going to stay out," she

said, "and that settles it."

When Inspector Mattingly took her aside

he explained to her that she had been sen

to the asylum in a lewful manner and the only way she could earn her liberty was by

she would have to be quiet and not give her attendant any trouble.

her attendant any trouble.

She seemed to fully appreciate what the inspector told her, and she returned to the asylum without giving further trouble.

Patrick Methlin Injured.

old, came near being killed while attempt-

ing, about 10 o'clock this morning, to board

a moving car near 28th and P streets.

There was a cart near the 28th street cross-

ing at the time, and Mr. Methlin was

caught between the cart and the moving

car. When picked up it was believed he had been fatally injured, but Dr. Ratcliffe, who was called to attend him, thought he

who was called to attend him, thought he would recover, although his injuries are serious. He was hurt about the chest, legs and hands. After receiving medical treatment, he was removed to his home, No.

MURDERER TRANSFERRED.

Hospital to Jail. Murderer Charles Winston, colored, who

shot and killed his wife and then attempted

suicide at his home on 3d street southwest,

a short time ago, was removed from the

idered out of danger. Before leaving the

hospital he repeated his statements about his wife's alleged infidelity, but the police found his statements to be without founda-

tion. He will now be attended by the jail

The vaults of the Mermod & Jaccard Jewelry Company, in St. Louis, whose establishment was burned Sunday morning, have been opened, and the contents, consisting of \$250,000 worth of jewelry, were

Emergency Hospital to jail yesterday afternoon. Winston, who is still suffering from

Winston Removed From

3020 Cambridge place

found intact.

Mr. Patrick S. Methlin, about fifty years

proving her sanity. To do this he

who will appear before the coroner's tomorrow. Before the inquest is held

found he could not believe that the

in the man's scalp.

turned

in the case.

failing from the trestle to the stones in e branch. The distance from the tracks

by the coroner showed only the one

however, will be determined later, further investigation shall be made.

Attended Lodge Last Night and Collected a Sum of Money-Foul HE SAW MANY CALLERS TODAY Play Suggested.

Patronage in Various States Dis-The dead body of William Lazenberry, a

cussed.

PROTESTS BY THE G. A. R.

for the President.

Christmas week brings no rest for President McKinley. On the other hand, there has been no time since the beginning of his administration when he has been more occupied with the multitudinous and discriminating duties of his office. From morning to night this week his office has been besieged by callers, and he has given an audience to every man who had a right to expect a conference. Monday and Tuesday afternoons the weather was too inclement for the President to take his daily outing, and the time was given up to offi-

cial callers. Not many of these callers discuss public questions of interest. They are busy hunting positions for constituents, and that is the burder of their story to the chief executive. He listens in his patient manner and promises whatever he sees his way clear to do. As a rule, however, the President makes few promises, and these he fulfills to the letter, unless circumstances prevent.

Fur Importers Call. Among the early callers this morning was ex-Secretary John W. Foster. He was accompanied by Messrs. Ullman, Jeckyl and Weil, representing the fur importers of New York city. The importers have requested President McKinley to withhold as long as possible his signature to the bill passed by Congress last week prohibiting pelagic sealing and the importation of seal urs by American citizens. A number of importers contracted for furs in London prior to the passage of the bill, and the shipments have been started for this side. Should the President sign the bill before their arrival, the importers claim that a hardship will be worked to them, and they will lose heavily in a financial way.

All they ask is that time be given them to fulfill their contracts. The President has ten days in which to sign the bill. He received the bill Monday, and has another week. By that time the importers believe that the shipments will have arrived. It is probable that the President will accede to

the request. Discussing Patronage.

Representative Gibson of Tennessee saw the President in regard to Tennessee appointmnts. Mr. Gibson was accompanied by J. W. Overall of Liberty, Tenn., one of the leading candidates for marshal of the

middle district of Tennessee. Mr. Overall thinks his chances are good for the position. John T. Lattin and Luke T. Walker are the other candidates for

the marshalship.
Representative Evans of Kentucky had a conference with the President about sev-eral matters, the district attorneyship, surveyorship of the port of Louisville and a pardon case being among the number. Mr. Evans wants to secure the pardon of Sam E. Duncan, convicted some years ago of passing counterfeit money. Representative Davidson of Kentucky was also a caller. He was accompanied by Major Crumbaugh. C. E. Sapp, the col-lector of the Louisville district, was an-

other Kentuckian who called. Ohio Callers.

Representatives Grosvenor, Northway and Taylor represented the Ohio callers. Mr. Northway was accompanied by ex-Mayor Wm. L. Fee of Warren. Mr. Fee is a candidate for a consular position, and Mr. Northway will secure a place for him.

Messrs. Taylor and Grosvenor had minor matters to talk over. Although the President and Gen. Grosvenor are widely apart on the subject of the civil service, their personal relations are of the most cordial nature. Gen. Grosvenor believes that the republican party will be badly crippled in the next elections if the civil service law is not abolished. The President does not believe this, and if he did would go ahead in his advocacy of the principle of merit service and in few changes in the law. Mr. Taylor is from the Canton district White House.

Silver Senators Call.

Senators Shoup of Idaho and Warren of Wyoming talked with the President about offices for constituents of their states. Senator Warren wants some consular representation for Wyoming, and Senator Shoup is trying to land an Idaho man on the interstate commerce commission. Neither one of these senators, supposed to be in sympathy with western republican views on silver, has said anything to the President antagonistic to the recommendations of Secretary Gage. If they hold antagonistic views, they have not carried them to the

President.
W. W. Thomas of Maine, recently appointed minister to Norway and Sweden, called at the White House to thank the President, and to ascertain the President's wishes on matters between the countries. Mr. Thomas will leave in Janury for his mission. The appointment of Mr. Thomas was decided upon six months ago, but was not made for the reason that it was de sired to allow Minister Ferguson to serve

improvement, and Sunday was taken out Senators Fairbanks, Cullom and Burrows for a car ride. She gave the attendant no were with the President for a while. Sen-ator-elect Corbett of Oregon was also a caller. So was Representative Babcock. Senator Berry and Representative Dins-more of Arkansas had a few minutes' talk with the President. "This woman is using force on me," she said, pointing to her attendant, as she entered the detective office. "I don't want to go back over there," she added. "My stay

Reduction of Aged Clerks.

The President's attention is to be called to the reduction of aged clerks in the Treasury Department, by the G. A. R. of the District.

A committee composed of Messrs, C. T. Yoder, Nathan Bickford, R. S. Lacy, Judge I. G. Kimball and Dr. J. E. Dexter has been appointed for the purpose of laying the matter before the President. The committee will place before the President man Forster, seventy years of age. He was a \$1,600 clerk in the office of the aufor the Navy Department. Because of his age he was reduced to a \$900 clerkship. It will be claimed that he is a mar of fine ability and that his age has not in the least impaired his usefulness.

A New Candidate for Marshal.

A new candidate for the marshalship of the District has been placed in the field by friends. He is said to possess much strength and to be strongly backed. He is Mr. Hope Darneille, disbursing officer for the District Commissioners. Mr. Darneille's qualifications for the position are known to the

The Puritan's Anniversary. The first year of the Puritan has just

been completed. The January number will be on sale Friday, and this will be its anniversary number, with sixty-four large quarto pages. The fiction in this will be of a high standard, and the illustrations are and the literations are said to be far above the average. The subscription price is only a dollar a year. The Puritan especially delights the heart of every woman. Its plane and purpose are of the highest. It is published by Frank A. Munsey, 111 5th avenue, New York.

Army and Navy Notes.

The following have been appointed acting carpenters in the navy: J. H. Gill J. P. Yates, P. H. Preble, A. R. Mackie W. Boone, J. A. Barton and C. Thompson W. Boone, J. A. Barton and C. Thompson.
Chief Engineer W. B. Bayley has been
detached from duty with the civil service
commission and ordered to the Massachusetts. Assistant Naval Constructor T.
G. Roberts to the New York navy yard.
The leave granted First Lieut. Harold L.
Jackson, 22d Infantry, is extended two
menths. months.

menths.

The flagship New York arrived at Norfolk yesterday from New York. The gunboat Marietta has arrived at Mare Island from a cruise in the arctic.

Order to Be Issued by Justice Cox in Belt Christmas Week is a Very Busy One

> Appeal of the Employes for Permission to Intervene-The Money of Deposit.

The proposed decree to be signed by Judge Cox, directing the sale of the Belt railway, will be submitted to the court tomorrow for his consideration, together with suggestions by counsel on both sides, as was agreed upon today. Mr. P. J. Ryan, attorney for the employes of the company, has entered formal objection to the signing of the decree.

Committees representing the employes have called at the residence of Judge Cox and also waited on him at the city hall, urging that he take into consideration the condition of the employes in his further rulings in the matter.

Attorney Ryan, on behalf of Thomas F. Tucker, Augustus A. Bullock, David W. Skinner, Thomas S. Hayden, Charles M. Sangster, Luther B. Feete, Henry Connell

and other employes of the road, will tomor-row petition the court for relief. What Petitioners Will Ask.

The petitioners will ask the court to direct Receiver Schoepf to pay over to them, out of any moneys in his hands, the amount of deposits placed by them with the company, and, further, that if there should be no moneys with which to pay the deposits and wages the receiver be authorized to issue receiver's certificates, which will become a first lien upon the property of the Belt Railway Company and stand upon the same footing as those at stand upon the same footing as those al-ready issued and ordered to be paid before the bonds and other indebtedness of the

It will be explained by the petitioners that they were compelled, as a condition precedent to their employment by the Belt Railway Company, to make a deposit suffi-cient to cover the cost of any damage which might occur to the property of the road while in their charge, the deposit to be refunded to them on the severance of their employment with the company; that the aggregate amount of these deposits is about \$1,400, while there is now due the employes as wages since the appointment of the receiver about \$3.772.

As a Trust Fund. The petitioners will claim that the amount of the deposits is a trust fund which should be raid out of any moneys or property in the hands of the receiver and have priority to all other claims against the road. Continuing, the petitionrs will state that the wages of the employes should also be paid and have pri-ority over all other debts of the receiver-ship, and they will add, unless they had consented to continue in the employ of the company, it would have been utterly impossible for the road to continue its operations, thereby forfeiting its charter. In conclusion, it will be stated that many of the employes are in dire distress, and in view of the coming winter, will be sub-jected to great suffering, unless granted relief by the court.

ACTION IN DIVORCE CASES.

One Husband Must Explain, Another to Pay Alimony.

Judge Hagner this afternoon in Equity Court No. 2, in the divorce proceedings instituted September 11 last by Fanny Wylle against Charles Wylle, directed that the latter explain, next Friday at 1 o'clock, why he should not pay counsel and exam-

On motion of Marie Kloezewski, against whom a suit for divorce was instituted November 10 by Adrian M. Kloezewski, Judge Hagner this afternoon ordered that the husband pay the wife arrears of alimony

within three days.

An order was also passed by the court directing Ernest L. Graham, whose wife, Laura S. Graham, is suing for divorce, to show cause, January 4 next, why he should not be adjudged in contempt for failure to chee a proclam order in regard to alimony. bey a previous order in regard to alimony

MR. ADRIAANS MAKES ANSWER.

Denial of Accusation Made in Court Proceedings.

Answer was filed this afternoon by John H. Adriaans to the petition in probate placed on record yesterday by the children of the late Mary Jane Ross, asking that certain letters testamentary issued to Irving Gibson by Adriaans, his proctor, be decreed null and void, on the ground, as alleged, that the same "were obtained by the imposition and fraud practiced upon the court by the said Adriaans, and because the letters were issued contrary to the law." In his answer Mr. Adriaans denies the allegations of fraud, and charges that th petition of the children of the deceased was filed partially to enable them to repudiate

certain notes that they gave and partially to bring the acts of Adriaans in disrepare with the court, so as to affect an equity suit, now pending. Mr. Adriaans goes on to say in his answer that he "believes the petitioners are risled and deceived by one Jonathan G.

In conclusion Mr. Adriaans says that he ces not concede the jurisdiction of the court to grant a judgment against him or to vacate, without issues at law, the letter testamentary heretofore granted.

Messenger Shepherd's Sudden Death David Shepherd, the colored messenger in the office of the auditor for the Treasury Department, died suddenly last night of heart trouble at his residence 1507 L street northwest. He was at work yesterday, and when he left for home in the afternoon was apparently as well as usual. He was and was appointed by the late Secretary Windom.

Receive Their Salaries.

The teachers and other employes of the public schools will be paid off tomorrow, as will the other salaried employes at the District building, with the exception of the members of the police and fire departments. who will probably be paid Friday.

The District building will be closed at noon Friday, and, while the matter has not yet been finally determined by the Commissioners, it is not unlikely that during the holidays the building will be closed at 1 o'clock each day until the day before New Year day, when it will be closed at Such has been the custom at th District building heretofore.

Death of Maj. A. S. Bender.

Word has been received of the death in San Francisco, the 5th instant, of Maj. Andrew Sigourney-Bender, at an advanced age. Maj. Bender lived the latter part of his life on the Pacific coast, and as a civil ergineer of considerable reputation was identified with many railroad enterprises in California. In 1886, at the solicitation of King Kalakaua, Maj. Bender went to Honolulu, accepting the appointment of chief engineer of public works of the Hawalian kingdom. at I In his carlier life Maj. Bender, who wa

a nephew of Maj. George Bender, a Mexi-can war neteran, and chief of ordnance, War Department, in Buchanan's adminknown here. He assisted, as engineer, in the construction of the Washington aqueduct, and also in the work of building the Cumberland division of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. He attended the celebration of the completion of the residual to the completion of the residual to the celebration of the completion of the residual to the celebration of the completion of the residual to the celebration of the completion of the residual to the celebration of the celebrati tion of the completion of the road to the Ohio river at Wheeling in 1852. Ohio river at Wheeling in 1852.

Maj. Bender's death was in part due to an accident which occurred several years ago, he having been knocked down by a horse attached to a street railroad car in San Francisco.

San Francisco.

He leaves surviving him one sister, Mrs.

Jessie B. McDermott, late of Washington,
now of Concord, Mass. Must Pay \$12 Per Month.

In the divorce proceedings instituted by Catherine J. Anderson against Robert W Anderson, Judge Hagner this afternoon or-dered that the latter pay the former ali-mony at the rate of \$12 per month during the pendercy of the suit.

William W. Browne, Eminent Colored Man. Passes Away.

A WELL-KNOWN BANK PRESIDENT

Deceased Regarded as Splendid Specimen of His Race.

INTERMENT AT RICHMOND

Funeral services over the remains of William Washington Browne, the colored bank president of Richmond, Va., who died here yesterday afternoon of cancer, took place at 11 o'clock this morning, at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church. The body was taken on a special car over the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad at 2:20 o'clock this afternoon to Richmond. Interment will take place Friday in that city.

The services at the church this morning were largely attended. The following ministers took part in the services: Presiding Elder Hunter, Rev. I. L. Thomas, Asbury A. M. E. Church; Rev. J. A. Taylor, Shiloh, and Rev. Dr. H. Brooks of the Nineteenth Street Church. Many members of the United Order of True Reformers, of which the dead man was the head, attended and took part in the exercises. The different ministers made addresses on the life and character of the deceased.

The body was accompanied to the Penn-

sylvania station by an escert composed of members of the order named, headed by a brass band. Twenty-five members of the keal order of True Reformers went with the remains on the special car to Rich-mond. The pallbearers were C. N. Green, Lindsay Winslow, A. B. Winslow, Philip Gaines George W. Simms and W. A. Bowie. The deceased came to Washington to be treated about four weeks ago, accom anled by his wife. He stopped at 2114 Pennsylvania avenue, and engaged the services of Robert W. Brown, the colored physician, who called into consultation Dr. Ford Thompson and others. Death came yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock.

The dead man was well known as a splendid representative of the colored race.

The Cause of Death.

The malady which caused Mr. Browne's death began with a small swelling on his right arm near the elbow. This was discovered last Friday, and Drs. George, Ross and Stoner pronounced it a fibrous tumor and removed it. But the disease proved to be cancer. It extended up the arm, and Drs. Hunter, McGuire and Geo. B. Johnson were consulted. They advised amoutation of the arm, giving it as their opinion that Mr. Browne's life could only be saved in that way. The patient positively declined to allow his arm to be taken off. He said he thought he would recover, but if he must die he preferred to leave the world with both arms.
In September Mr. Browne left Richmond

and went to Winchester, Va., where he hoped to recuperate, but instead of growing better he grew worse. He then went to Philadelphia and was there attended by a specialist, who, like the Richmond surgeons, advised amputation, but without avail. From Philadelphia he went to Mount Holly, N. J., to be treated by another specialist, and on the 2d of December. other specialist, and on the 2d of December he came to this city and placed himself under the care of Dr. R. W. Brown. He was the guest of Dr. G. Wathney, the dentist, for a week or ten days, but presuming that he would be ill for some time he rented a temporary residence on Pennsylvania avenue, where he eventually breathed his last. Mr. Browne's suffering had been intense for months, but being a man of wonderful fortitude, he never com-plained. About two weeks ago he made his will, and while leaving the greater part of his estate to his family, he remembered several worthy charities, leaving, with other such bequests, a Virginia farm to the colored "Old People's Home."

The deceased leaves, besides his wife, tended her husband throughout his illness, A Remarkable Man.

Mr. Browne was one of the remarkable men of his race, and will go down in history as one of its best benefactors. He was born a slave in Habersham county, Ga., 1849, and was a pure-blooded African. At the age of six he was sold to a master who took him to live in Rome, Ga. Here he was again sold, this time to a master in Memphis, Tenn., who trained him for a race rider. When the war broke out Browne went to Mississippi, but soon afterward he got through the lines, and at Cairo, Ill., he enlisted in the United States navy. He was afterward made a gunner on the gunboat National. In 1864 he joined the army in the infantry branch of the service and was mustered cut in St. Louis as a sergeant major at the close of the war. He was in a number of battles and his war record was honor-

able throughout.

Browne attended school in Wisconsin for a year or two, and that was all the educational advantage he had. But he possessed a quick and studious mind, and it is claim ed for him that few self-made men were better made than Browne. He was an industrious and thoughtful reader, and his mind was stored with useful knowledge. Mr. Browne joined the Methodist Church and soon afterward was ordained a minister. For many years he was a popular preacher and temperance lecturer in Ala-bama and Georgia. During the troublous days of the "Ku-Klux" period Browne was to the front in Georgia and agitated earnestly against the "Klan." It is said his life was often threatened and a price set on his head, but being a fearless man he never relaxed his efforts for the cause of humanity. While living in Alabama he

was married. Made Head of the Order.

In 1877 he was elected grand secretary of the organization from which was evolved the now widespread Order of United True Reformers. In 1881 he was elected for life grand worthy master of the Grand Fountain of United True Reformers, and opened his headquarters in Richmond. Browne obtained a charter for the order from the circuit court of Richmond. Among features of the organization was a savings bank division. This was Mr. Browne's pet scheme, he got a charter for the True Reformers' Bank from the legislature of Virginia. He was its president, and, it is said, proved to be a natural financier.

He was greatly esteemed by the repre-

Washington Stock Exchange.

Sales—regular call—12 o'clock m.—Metropolitan Railroad conv. 6s, \$1,000 at 125; \$1,000 at 125.

Metropolitan Railroad Certificate "B," \$1,000 at 125.

Metropolitan Railroad Certificate "B," \$1,000 at 115.

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Capital Traction, 75 at 62½; 25 at 62½. Co-tumbia Rilroad, 10 at 65. U. S. Electric Light, 5 at 100; 10 at 93½. Washington Title Insurance, 100 at 3. American Graphophone, 100 at 93½. Pneumatic Gun Carriage, 100 at 47 cents, 100 at 1374; 10 at 1374; 5 at 1374; 10 at 1374; 10 at 1374; 5 at 1374; 10 at 1374; 10 at 1374; 10 at 1374; 10 at 1374; 5 at 1374. Lanston Monotype, 100 at 19½; 100 at 19½. After call—American Graphophone, 50 at 93½. After call—Railroad certificates of indebtedness, Metropolitan Railroad certificates of indebtedness, A, 125 bid. Metropolitan Railroad certificates of indebtedness, B, 115 bid. Belt Railroad certificates of indebtedness, B, entative white people of Richmond, who recognized in him a true and helpful leader of his race. The bankers of Richmond, without exception, tendered Browne the benefit of their experience, and gave him every encouragement. It is a noteworthy fact that his was the only bank in Rich-mond that did not decline to pay currency over the counter during the panic of 1883.

This bank not only cashed the checks that were drawn on it, but it frequently cashed checks on other banks. And when the paymaster of the public schools needed money to complete his pay roll, Browne came to the rescue and advanced the

Abandons Pastoral Work. When Mr. Browne first removed to Richaond he was pastor of a Methodist church,

but finding the work of that order and the bank over which he presided must have his undivided week day attention, he gave up pastoral work; he continued, however, Railroad Stocks.—Capital Traction, 62 bid, 62% asked. Metropolitan, 119½ bid. Columbia, 63 bid. 68 asked.

Gas and Electric Light Stocks.—Washington Gas, 46% bid, 47½ asked. Georgetown Gas, x40 bid. U. S. Electric Light, x19 bid, 100 asked.

Insurance St.cks.—Fhemen a, 30 bid. Franklin, 38 bid. Metropolitan. 65 bid. Corcoran, 56 bid. Potomac, 64 bid. Arlington, 133 bid, 147 asked. German-American, 185 bid. National Union, 10 bid, 12 asked. Columbia, 12 bid. Riggs, 7% bid, 58% asked. People's, 53% bid, 6 asked. Lincoln, 9½ bid, 10 asked. Columbia, 12 bid. 10 asked. Lincoln, 9½ bid, 10 asked. Columbia Title, 4% bid, 5% asked. Washington Title, 2½ bid. District Title, 3 bid. Telephone Stocks.—Real Estate Title, x85 bid, 96 asked. Chenapoake and Potomac, 65 bid, 70 asked. Washington Title, 2½ bid. District Title, 3 bid. Telephone Stocks.—Pennsylvania, 40 bid, 48 asked. Chenapoake and Potomac, 65 bid, 70 asked. Chenapoake and Potomac, 65 bid, 70 asked. American Graphophone, preferred, 10% asked. Miscellaneous Stocks.—Mergenthaler Linotype, x137 bid, 137% asked. Lancon Monotype, 19 bid, 19% askel. Washington Market, 10 bid. Great Palls Ice, 108 bid, 112 asked. Norfolk and Washington Steamboat, 100 asked. Lincoln Hall, 90 asked. to preach Sundays, and his congregations were always large. He was regarded as a fercible speaker and logical reasoner.

Mr. Browne never took an active part in party politics. He was repeatedly urged to do so, but he invariably replied that he had as much as he could do to look after the order of True Reformers. He was a pro-hibitionist, but in national elections always

hibitionist, but in national elections always voted the republican ticket.

Mr. Browne enjoyed the reputation of possessing the strictest integrity, and he was always endeavoring to instill in the minds of his people lessons of morality and economy. He was a generous giver. Had he been a close and unscrupulous man he might have left a very large estate. As it was, he left between \$50,000 and \$00,000. It matters little what it is that you want -whether a situation or a servant—a "want" ad. in The Star will reach the person who can fill your need.

A. L. Osborn, the barber, who has his

establishment in the basement at 711 14th

street northwest, the upper portion of

Comments of the Crowd.

Curious people were attracted from all

directions by the unusual sight of a horse

standing quietly in a barber shop down in

a basement. The animal had received a

slight cut on the left breast while going

through the door, which bied quite freely,

but otherwise he was uninjured. The spec-

tators amused themselves by wondering whether the animal had wanted a shave or

a hair cut, a shingle or a shampoo, or had desired to have his mane and tail docked

and get in style. One young man, with a good memory for local affairs, declared that the animal was the one that had gone into

Dave Haggerty's saloon on Pennsylvania

avenue near 12th street several years ago, inspired evidently by the desire for a drink, and claimed that in this instance

the horse had wanted to get properly bar-bered up for the holidays before indulging

Too Fast for a Physician

Inquiry developed that the horse had been

offered to Dr. Babbitt as an excellent ani-

mal for a physician's purposes and that

Dr. Babbitt's colored driver, James Baker,

had hitched up the animal to the doctor's

fine new buggy to see what kind of a horse

he really was. While ascertaining his qual-

ities on G street near 13th, the horse be-came unmanageable, ran to 14th street at

break-neck speed, turned up 14th street, and when in front of the barber shop

turned again at right angles and dashed

across the sidewalk and down the iron steps into the shop. The iron railings on

a little too fast for a physician's purposes

Blinded and Lifted Out.

One of the colored barbers employed in

Washington Stock Exchange.

107 % and. Washington Ligar Industry 107 & 100 asked.

National Bank Stocks.—Bank of Washington, 275 bid, 309 asked. Metropolitan, 306 bid. Central, 200 bid. Farmers and Mechanics', 189 bid. Second, 140 bid. Citizens', 135 bid. Columbia, 130 bid. Capital, 120 bid. West End, 103 bid, 106 asked. Traders', 95 bid. Lincoln, 110 bid, 113

asked.
Safe Deposit and Trust Companies.—National Safe Deposit and Trust, 115 bid, 118 asked. Washington Loar and Trust, 120 bid, 125 asked. American Security and Trust, 147 bid, 150 asked. Washington Safe Deposit, 50 bid.
Railroad Stocks.—Capital Traction, 62 bid, 62½ asked. Metropolitan, 119½ bid. Columbia, 63 bid. 68 asked.

is a runaway of the craziest sort.

in the celebration thereof.

Excitement and Fun on a Busy Part of 14th Coal Shares Were the Feature of

A Nag Runs Away and Deliberately Dives Down an Area, Carrying Bug-THE GRANGERS WERE NEGLECTED gy and Driver With Him.

which building is occupied by Mr. Jame M. Green, the real estate dealer, had just flipped his towel gracefully around and GENERAL MARKET REPORTS ejaculated "Next!" about 11 o'clock this morning when a bay horse about fifteen and a half hands high, attached to a new Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. buggy, in which was seated an amazed NEW YORK, December 22. - Opening but determined colored man, came down prices this morning were fractionally irthe steep iron steps leading from the sideregular, but the changes reflected no new walk and through the front door of the developments in the financial situation, shop. Through the front doorway, per-Traders bought a few of the stocks sold haps, would be better, as the animal yesterday and sold again at the improved brought the doors in with him. Mr. Oslevel. This backing and filling constituted born did not have time to indulge in his today's stock market. usual inquiry, "Shave or hair cut?" but There is a general impression that the when he regained a portion of his self-possession he looked at the newcomers next decided change will be in the direction of higher prices, but every one recogwith an expression of utter helplessness. There was the horse in the shop. There was the buggy just outside the door, supnizes the fact that there need be no haste

was the buggy just outside the door, supported by the steps, down which the outfit had come, and it was in a pretty dilapidated condition. One wheel was
smashed into smithereens, the shafts
were broken, the body scratched
and splintered, and the back of
the top bent out of all original shape.
The colored man in the buggy, however,
did not appear to be burt with the exthe market which is relied upon to furnish the background for the next advance whenever, in the opinion of the larger interests, the time is ripe for such an undertaking. In Sugar especially there is said to be did not appear to be hurt, with the ex-ception of a slight bump on his forehead, and by the time the crowd, which soon considerable outstanding short account. although the loaning rates do not confirm grew to be very large, began to gather the horse had been unhitched down in the barber shop and the buggy dragged up out of the area and deposited at the edge of the sidewalk on the concrete.

this view. The strength of the Coal shares serves to sustain the entire market, notwithstanding a lack of substance to the rumors of an important combination. There is sufficient evidence at hand, however, to confirm re-cent reports of a harmonious agreement as

in entering upon this movement.

There is a considerable short interest in

Today's Stock Market.

Metropolitan and Manhattan Were

Both Well Sustained.

to next year's output. It is also confidently asserted that the improvement in inside conditions throughout the anthracite group has been ex-tended to the bituminous properties throughout Ohio. It will be remembered that the larger interests in the former properties were credited with bringing about the settlement of the soft coal trou-

bles some months ago, when the upheaval in that section threatened the stability of the entire market.

The interests which were, in a measure, forced into the fight at that time, now find tempting possibilities which seem destined to insure a continuation of the efforts to bring both industries into closer relation-

were Metropolitan street railway and Manhattan. The trading in the former was de-cidedly beneficial to the price as the result of a territorial acquirement through nego-tlations with the 3d avenue line.

The buying of the shares has been de-scribed as good for several days, and there

are indications of further important devel-The Granger issues were neglected to a degree, but were well sustained under the limited operations, eRturns from the west

are entirely satisfactory in almost every instance, and these issues will be con-spicuous in future dealings. Considerable interest continues to settle in Panhandle, and some extravagant predictions of its probable high level are heard.

That the property is earning money and is well managed is not doubted, and it would require a considerable advance to exhaust its merit.

either side of the steps were broken into exhaust its merit.

The money market was a trifle easier throughout the day, rates varying from 1½ to 3 per cent. It is now thought that the postponement of large speculative undertakings until after the early year disbursements will itself help to prevent any pronounced advance in interest rates. Reasonlittle bits and the general appearance of things made it evident that the horse was When Dr. Babbitt was asked by a Star re-porter who had the horse for sale he said he didn't care to say, because it might injure the horse's reputation, so perhaps it ally cheap money and a continuation of earnings on the present scale should be sufficient inducement to new buying. would be well for persons contemplating buying a horse to look out for one with a jagged, fresh cut on his left breast, dark bay in color, with two hind feet white, who

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

The following are the opening, the highest and the lowest and the closing prices of the New York stock market today, as re-The animal remained in the barber shop for about two hours, holding a constant ported by Corson & Macartney, members reception all the time, people streaming up and down the steps to see the wonderful Messrs. Moore & Schley, No. 80 Broadway. sight. At last a platform was rigged up Open. High. Low. Close. and the animal, after being blinded v.th a American Spirits. blanket, was lifted out of the barber shop.

One of the colored barbers employed in	American ougat	10075	100.8	1000	100)
Osborn's place was asleep in the rear of the	American ougar, pru			*****	****
	Trunctions a someonistions	85%	85%	85%	851
shop when the horse came in. He was		*****	****	****	****
asked what his first impressions were. "	Atchison	*****		****	
thought Mr. Jim Green's safe had done fel	Baltimore & Ohio	****	14	14	14
through the floor," said the young man	Bay State Gas	436	4.76	4%	43
who was thankful that his personal experi-	Canada Southern	5434	5436	54	533
ence was not any worse.	Canada Pacific	****	****	*****	****
Osborn's shop was pretty badly damaged	Chesapeake & Ohio	2134	213	2114	213
Osborn's shop was pretty badis damaged	C., C. C. & St. Louis		*** *	*** *	
	Chicago, B. & Q	8914	99%	99	991
Suit to Recover Property.	Chicagoa Northwestern	12114	121%	121	121
Major Walter D. Davidge, jr., judge ad-	Chicago Gas	26%	9636	96	563
	L M. & St. Patti.	9436	95	94%	951
vocate general of the District of Columbia	C M. & St. Paul, pfd	14234	14214	1421/	1425
militia, this afternoon filed suit in behalf		90%	90%	90	90%
	I Chicago St Paul M La		****	****	20.00
of the United States against Elbert G. Ben-		181	.8236	181	1823
son to recover \$648.93 claimed to be due	Del Lack & W	156	157	156	:57
for certain property issued to Benson while	Delaware & Hudson	113	11336	113	:18
he was captain of Company A, 5th Bat-	Den. & Rio Grande, pfd	45%	45%	45%	453
tallon, District National Guard, from Jan-	Erie				****
uary 2, 1889, to May 9, 1892, and for which	General Electric	3314	33%	3314	934
it is charged he has failed to account.	Illinois Centrai	103%	103%	1031	1033
it is charged no mas ranca to account	Lake Shore	178	173	173	173
	Louisville & Nashville	56%	56%	56%	563
The Evidence All In.	a etropolitan Traction	125%	127	125%	127
At the hearing today before Judge Cox		1083	106%	103%	1065
	Machigan Control		*****		
in Equity Court No. 1 of the condemnation	Missouri Pacine	8336	3334	3836	383
proceedings in the matter of widening 19th	National Lead Co				
street between Florida avenue and Cali-		104%	10436	10436	1043
	New Jorgan Control	9436	96	94%	954
formia avenue according to the plan for the	New York Central	107	107	106%	1067
extension of a permanent system of high-	Northern Pacific	2114	2134	215	214
ways in the District of Columbia, the wit-		58%	5837	58%	585
	Ont & Wastern	16	163	16	164
nesses examined as to valuations and as-	Pacific Mail	29	30	29	80
seesments were Messrs, Paul, Schnell,	Phila. & Reading	22%	23%	22%	221
Baumgrass and Pierre Waggaman.	Puliman P. C. Co	1725	1725	1723	1729
The introduction of testimony was con-	Southern Ry., pfa	32 4	323	324	323
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cluded shortly after 1 o'clock. Later coun-	The second of the second	*****	10%	10%	103
sel began addressing the jury. tI is the	Town Con . then	941/	243	24%	243
expectation that the arguments will be con-	Chion Danista	25%	25%	253	253
cluded and the matter submitted to the	I I S Loather ofd	623	6234	6236	623
jury before the adjournment of court this	Wabash, pfd	18	18	16	18
afternoon.	Western Union Tel	8834	88%	68%	883
	Silver	0078	00%	00)6	003

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Government Bonds. Quotations reported by Corson & Macart-

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Two Wills Filed.

The will of the late Edward S. Raymond

dated September 13, 1883, and that of Chaa Rowland, dated November 30, 1897, weri filed for probate late this afternoon.